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MEMORANDUM FOR

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1. On 23 November 1982 I met with DIA/ACD (Career Development) to discuss current and proposed DOD intelligence training initiatives.

- Several points of interest were raised:
 - a. DIA has recently been instrumental in the establishment of a Strategic Debriefing Course at Fort Huachuca, based on an Air Force (AFSAC) proposal. OHC was unaware of this; I have briefed them.
 - b. In a larger context, this is the first time DIA has played the role of a facilitator/Project Manager for a joint-service training project. It is foreseen that this portends a similar role in other general intelligence training due to separate but related developments.
 - c. In August 1981 Air Force Intelligence (Maj. Gen. Marks) proposed that DIA take the lead in the development of a more comprehensive program for the management of general intelligece training. Specific areas to be addressed included: design, planning, programming and budgeting, and technical adequacy. This would give DIA much more of a controlling role rather than "review and coordinate." It would be more like NSA's role in crypotologic training, although it is not likely DIA would ever have as strong a controlling role as NSA.

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d. As a result of this, OSD is working up a draft directive on General Intelligence Training. A meeting of all interested parties (the General Intelligence Training Working Group) chaired by the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), was to be held in early December -- this has been slipped.

- e. Meanwhile, I have been invited to attend a 14 December meeting of the DIA-chaired Intelligence Career Development Program meeting at which various initiatives in analyst training will be discussed. I plan to attend.
- 3. All of the above opens the door to an OA&E role in intelligence training -- if we want it.
 - a. I believe there is a role for the ICS in this area. My experience in a management position at DIS showed me how much everyone is doing in isolation. DoD agencies at least talk occasionally among themselves but not to anyone else (nor does anyone else try to talk to them). There is much commonality of effort and commonality of product but little communication. My time here at ICS has shown me some obvious gaps and misconceptions about the content and effectiveness of intelligence training involving all agencies.
 - b. I have been told by a DIA representative that there was a move afoot in the mid-70s to establish a Training Committee at ICS. One of the reasons this died was the belief that existing mechanisms and offices would handle training problems as part of their routine operations (development of a system would include training considerations). The DIA man has categorized his resistance to this Committee as the single biggest mistake the Agency (and he) ever made in regard to training.
 - c. Several years ago a group called OTAG (Orientation and Training Advisory Group) met 1975-1979. The group apparently dissolved as the result of a change of leadership. This group had a very narrow focus, primarily language training and other HUMINT aspects. I have the minutes of the meetings of this group -- I intend to spend some time next week analyzing their efforts.
- 4. I recognize that training is not a "glamour" issue and doesn't involve "big bucks," but it is a key element in the effective utilization of the high-cost systems and in the accomplishment of the analytical process and the achievement of the final end-product. Since we are essentially talking about "All Source Training", OA&E is in an excellent position to take a lead in facilitating Community-wide efforts in intelligence training. My top-of-the-head reaction is that a Training Committee may well be required to get

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people aware that they have common problems, much less trying to solve them. Since I have a background in intelligence training management, this lends credence to our assuming a role.

5. With your concurrence, I would like to explore our becoming part of the General Intelligence Training Working Group (para 2d). (I think I can downplay any "threatening" aspects since I have worked with many of the players and since I am regarded as somewhat less of an enemy due to my AF blue suit).

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